

REMARKS

The claims previously in the case have been replaced by a set of new claims that are believed to be proper as to form and patentable over the cited references.

New basic claim 22 combines claims 1 and 5. It will be recalled that claim 5 was held to be allowable apart from form. Accordingly, claim 22 is allowable.

An objection was made to claims 1 and 2 as to whether the needle and rod are being positively recited. The incorporation of claim 1 into claim 5 solves this formal problem: they are being positively recited.

New claim 27 corresponds generally to allowed claim 13, but changes the form thereof slightly so as to overcome the formal problems.

As this amendment seeks only to place the application in condition for allowance with claims previously indicated to be allowable, it is not believed necessary to discuss the cited references at this time.

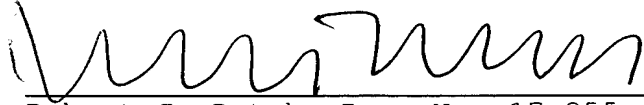
In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional
fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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